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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yukio NAKAJIMA

New PCT Application Based On
PCT/JP97/02783 - filed 8/8/97

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For: TIRE DESIGN METHOD, OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING APPARATUS, AND
STORAGE MEDIUM HAVING STORED OPTIMIZATION ANALYZING PROGRAM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 6, 8, 9, and 12-19 as follows:

Please replace originally filed pages 83-85 with new pages 83-85 in which claims 15-19
have been amended by the Applicant which are attached hereto.

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| Claim 6, | line 1, | delete "or 5". |
| Claim 8, | line 1, | change "any one of claims 1 to 7" to --claim 1--. |
| Claim 9, | lines 2 and 3, | change "any one of claims 1 to 8" to --claim 1--. |
| Claim 12, | line 2, | delete "or 11". |
| Claim 13, | line 2, | delete "or 11". |
| Claim 14, | line 1, | delete "any"; and |
| | line 2, | change "one of claims 10 to 13" to --claim 10--. |
| Claim 18, | line 2, | delete "or 17". |
| Claim 19, | line 2, | delete "any one of"; and |
| | line 3, | change "claims 16 to 18" to --claim 16--. |

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